

SARSAT Weekly Rescues Report for period 9 November through 16 November 2012.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking System Rescues: One save in one incident.

Incident 1:

Beacon ID - 2DCE5DEDF4FFBFF Home Port - Barrow, AK DISTRESS.

On 11 November 2012 at 05:19 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz PLB approximately 9 miles south southeast of Wainwright, AK. An individual activated the PLB after his snowmobile ran out of gas. The Alaska Rescue Coordination Center received the SARSAT alert and provided the SARSAT position to Wainwright Search and Rescue. Wainwright dispatched two snowmobilers who located the person and brought him to safety. **1 SARSAT RESCUE**

Incident 2:

Beacon ID - 2DCC56B628FFBFF Home Port - Baltimore, MD

On 14 November 2012 at 1318 UTC the COSPAS-SARSAT system detected a 406 MHz EPIRB, 200 miles east of Virginia Beach, VA. A sailing vessel, with four persons on board, developed steering problems, and they activated their EPIRB. Using the emergency contact information, Coast Guard District 5 Rescue Coordination Center was able to contact the owner's wife and confirm the vessel was underway from Maryland to Bermuda. The Coast Guard District 5 Rescue Coordination Center diverted an AMVER vessel to establish communications with the vessel. Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, NC launched a HH-60 helicopter, which arrived on scene and hoisted the 4 persons off the vessel safely. **4 SARSAT RESCUES**

- **Total number of rescues for the Calendar Year 2012: 243**
- **Total number of rescues for Fiscal Year 2013: 30**

Significance: The SARSAT system protects life and property in support of the nation's commerce and transportation systems. (LTJG Timothy Siquefield, 301-817-4757)

http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/SARSAT_Rescues.html